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U.S. Continuation-In-Part Patent Application for  
TAPE APPLICATION DEVICE  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application. Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted in a prior application, Serial No. 08/694,338, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a language other than English.

1. Japanese Patent Publication Number 51-135015. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application. In addition, the corresponding English language abstract for this document was submitted in the parent application, Serial No. 08/694,338.

2. Japanese Patent Laid-Open Number 62-46780. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application. In addition, the corresponding English language abstract for this document was submitted in the parent application, Serial No. 08/694,338.

3. Japanese Patent Laid-Open Number 5-338627. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application. In addition, the corresponding English language abstract for this document was submitted in the parent application, Serial No. 08/694,338.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the U.S. Patent Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

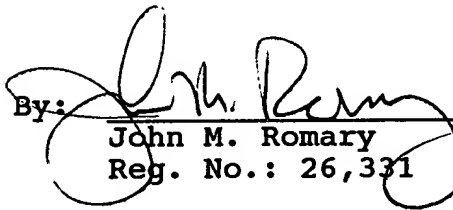
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